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PREFACE

Attention should be drawn to certain discrepancies in the text, where the inconsistent spelling of proper names arises from problems of transliteration.

One example of this is Karnak, which at one time is written with a Q and later with K; another example can be seen in the three different spellings *Soues*, *Soueys* and *Suez*. In addition, a policy of transliterating the emphatic Arabic letters is inconsistent. This is clear in names comprising the letters *Hh* and *TT* as in *Hhassan* and *Ttouloun*; on the other hand, some names which should have submitted to the same policy have retained the more common spelling, e.g. *Hedjaz*.

A general characteristic with few exceptions is the citation of people, kings, leaders, and citizens etc. under one name only, i.e. either the first or second name. This has at times caused some confusion in identifying the particular person in question.

The system of capitalization is also not very definite. Thus sometimes proper nouns are capitalized while the same nouns at other times are not. This occurence is depicted particularly with reference to such words as *Chrêtiens*, *Coptes* and *Musulmans*.

Latin terms are first introduced simultaneously with their French equivalents, but later references include the French term only, often neither capitalized nor italicized.

Three important seas referred to by small letters but which have been cited in the Index are, *La mer rouge*, *La mer noire* and *La Méditeranée* (sic).

The definite articles in French *L'*, *Le* and *La* respectively are not considered in the alphabetization of the Index. However, *Ebn* is regarded as an independent term with special reference to La Décade Egyptienne.



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